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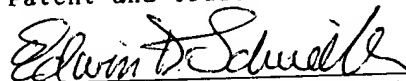
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1. Declaration/Power of Attorney executed by Applicants;
2. Small Entity Statement (Independent Inventor);
3. Request for Refund under 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a); and,
4. English Translation of Amended Disclosure and Claims filed January 25, 2001, before the IPEA/EP during Chapter II of the P.C.T. international phase (Article 19 Amendments); and,
5. Preliminary Amendment.

Authorization to Charge Deposit Account

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Deposit Account No. 19-0450, for the following fees:

(a) the requisite surcharge of \$65.00 (small entity) for submission of the Declaration subsequent to the 30th-month deadline from the claimed date of foreign priority; and,

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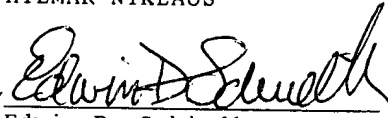
Authorization is also given to charge Applicant's Attorney's Deposit Account, Account No. 19-0450, for any additional fees or costs which may be due in connection with the prosecution of the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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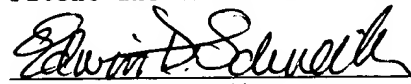
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Dear Sir:

On June 13, 2001, prior to the 30th-month deadline from
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Accompanying the present submission, is a Small Entity Statement (Independent Inventor) for the purpose of allowing Applicant to establish a claim to Small Entity status for the purpose of the payment of certain fees in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the concurrent submission of the accompanying Small Entity Statement, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a), Applicant respectfully requests a refund of \$430.00, or one-half of the U.S. National Fee paid on June 13, 2001.

The Office is requested to credit said refund to the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney, Account No. 19-0450. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for billing purposes.

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